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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH A MFA OFFICIAL MAY 6, ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) FOREIGN SECTION CHIEF SERGIO SEGRE NOTED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT A WORKING GROUP MEETING FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (REFTEL) WOULD COMMENCE IN BERLIN ON MAY 12. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL CONFIRMATION FROM THE EAST GERMAN ORGANIZERS. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEGRE IS OUT OF ROME FOR THE WEEK WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT THE MEETING IS NOW UNDERWAY ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS.)

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2. SERGE CONFIRMED REPORTS WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS THAT HE HAD MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO BERLIN LAST MONTH TO SEEK GERMAN AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW THEIR DRAFT OF A FINAL DOCUMENT FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE. DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH HERMANN AXEN AND PAUL MARKOWSKI OF THE EAST GERMAN PARTY, SEGRE POINTED OUT THAT THE YUGOSLAV PARTY WOULD REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERING A DOCUMENT OF THE NATURE PROPOSED BY THE EAST GERMANS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SEGRE WARNED THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE ON AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CHARACTER. SEGRE DID NOT INDICATE THE EAST GERMAN REACTION TO HIS INTERLOCUTOR.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SEGRE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE CONFERENCE TO CONVENE UNTIL NOVEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. THE PCI DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CSCE WILL CONCLUDE BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND THE EAST GERMANS CANNOT HOST THE CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S YEAR. SEGRE STRESSED THAT IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE CONFERENCE CONVENE BEFORE CSCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. VOLPE

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